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1. The recent purge in the Hungarian Foreign Ministry eliminated some 80 members.
2. The present Hungarian Foreign Minister, Erik Molnar, is being replaced by Istvan Revay, a long-standing member of the Communist Party who arrived in Budapest with the invading Red Armies from Moscow.
3. The purge of Hungarian Missions abroad has begun. György Gulaczy, the Hungarian Minister to Ankara and László Kvaszay, the Consul General at Istanbul will definitely be ousted. The replacement of Ruzsics Vámbéry, present Minister to Washington, and Stephen Görgey, Secretary at the Paris Legation, is likely in the near future.
4. Count Michael Károlyi is now in Budapest and will be posted to Prague, reportedly because of the Hungarian-Czechoslovak mutual assistance pact, which was proposed in December but turned down by the Czechs. Károlyi's mission is to induce the Czechs to accept this pact.

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Comment: Karolyi is quoted as saying "without Czechoslovak participation, the whole system of mutual assistance treaties in Eastern Europe is worthless".)

5. The Hungarian Minister to London, István Bede, is also expected to be ousted. He is fighting vigorously to retain his post and was on his way to Budapest on 9 February to promote his own case. Károlyi covets the post in London and is likely to be named as Minister to Great Britain after his Prague mission is over.
6. When Károlyi first began his negotiations for the London post, the Hungarian Communists had information that a revolution was likely in France during February and thus wanted Károlyi to stay there. In January, the Hungarian Government notified Károlyi that the planned revolution was not imminent and thereupon instructed him to return to Budapest for a discussion of the Prague assignment.

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